

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Individual lengths of steel cords 24 are attached by means of stitches 26 to the sheets 22. The steel cord lengths 24 form a particular pattern on the sheets 22 so that a large area is covered. Preferably, triangular structures are formed because of their inherent stability. Although flexible from a comfort point of view, the steel cords 24 are stiffer in compression than the high-strength synthetic fibers and give a resiliency to the sheet 22 so that this sheet 22 is able to restrain deformation in the plane and recover from a bullet impact and can come back close to its original form after a bullet impact.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 4 shows a third embodiment of the invention. The ballistic resistant pad 20 has one or more sheets 22 of high-strength synthetic fibers. A fabric 25 [[26]] of woven steel cords 28, 30 of about the same form as the sheets 22 is stitched at various spots to the sheet 22 and provides for a complete covering of the sheet. The fabric 26 is a woven structure where both the weft 28 and the warp 30 are formed by steel cords.